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Social Enterprise of the Month

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CAMELIA BOTNAR CHILDREN'S CENTRE

The Camelia Botnar Children's Centre has served the people of Worthing and its hinterland for 32 years. It is a haven for pre-school children, especially those with special needs and from disadvantaged homes. The centre is fully inclusive and importantly the facilities are free of charge to all parents. We believe every child has the right to play this is how the pre-school child learns. For children with physical and learning difficulties it is important to provide the best facilities adapted to their individual needs. Parents also need our continued support by giving them the much needed respite care and for their children to reach their optimum potential.

We are very honoured indeed that the Duchess of Norfolk is with us to celebrate the rebirth of our Children's Centre. Her patronage will play an important role in publicizing the important facilities that the Children's Centre offers to the local community.

Our new branding is in place and our new website is up and running. Its construction was kindly donated by Melissa Young a graphic designer and parent of one of our children. The photography was the work of Graham Frank a professional photographer and Father of Sophie one of our Nursery Nurses, again kindly donated. This genuine teamwork demonstrates the faith people place in our centre.

www.camelia-botnar-childrens-centre.org

Our recent Ofsted record of inspection judgements provides witting evidence of the dedication of the staff. Of the 17 judgements we were awarded the 2 outstanding grade 1's where the criteria is "this aspect of the provision is of exceptionally high quality". It covered the effectiveness of partnerships and the effectiveness of the setting's engagement with parents and carers. We were also awarded 15 grade 2 judgements where the criteria is "this aspect of the provision is strong" This covered effectiveness, provision, quality, outcomes, safety and care. For the full Ofsted Report link to – [www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxcare-providers/fully\(urn\)/113412](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxcare-providers/fully(urn)/113412)

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For us at the Children's Centre the report's findings was a real and encouraging thank you for all the hard work over the 32 years that we have been serving the community. Our Nursery Teams have a combined total of 229 years as qualified Nursery Nurses and that in itself is a true testament of the wealth of experienced staff that is found at the Camelia Botnar Children's Centre.

We are very encouraged by the support we have from the various agencies that refer children to us, our parents and increasingly, now the secret is out, the local clubs and associations who have provided the much needed funds for us. For over 30 years we were fortunate to have the financial patronage of Nissan UK and Camelia Botnar Foundation. Unfortunately that funding has been lost and we are now seeking funding from all sources to keep our centre operational for the benefit of the local community. We realise that the present financial climate is hurting people on many fronts, however we are appealing to any company, group or association or indeed any individual to think of us if when considering allocating any funds to a charitable cause. Any financial help would be gratefully received.

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